

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 415
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Katie Koerten, 2005
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Katie Koerten is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Koerten has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Katie has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Koerten was selected as the Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Leader, attended Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership, served as President of the Student Government, was Captain of the soccer and swim teams, rendered sterling service as Editor of the yearbook, was Treasurer of the Beta Club, and stood as a Representative at Girls' State; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Katie received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, was named an Outstanding Student of America, and was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Katie's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Koerten's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jim and Karen Koerten, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Katie Koerten's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Katie Koerten, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.